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Federal Communications Commission  
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Attn: Chair Michael Powell  
Commissioner Kathleen Abernathy  
Commissioner Jonathan Adelstein  
Commissioner Michael Copps  
Commissioner Kevin Martin

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RE: Oregon - Qwest's Application for Long Distance Services

Dear FCC Commissioners:

On behalf of the Corvallis Benton County Economic Development Partnership I am writing in support of your review and approval of Qwest's application to offer long distance services in Oregon. This application is currently before your Commission for review. As the primary economic development organization in this area, we feel the expanded services will enhance our efforts to attract, retain and grow our business base.

The ability to purchase communications services such as long distance, local, Internet and cellular phone from one vendor eliminates confusion and, in many cases, is more cost effective. Further, a single provider of services is in a position to provide increase, and better, service quality.

Competition often time brings to the fore increase service quality at a reduced cost. Qwest's application to enter the long distance market in Oregon will create a better level of competition while providing an increase in quality and a reduction in costs to its customers. To date, your commission has approved applications in 9 other Western states. Approving Qwest's application in Oregon will keep Oregon competitive as a state in current and future business development efforts.

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Thank you for your consideration, review and timely approval of Qwsst's application that was filed in January of this year.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Douglas C. Sweetland", is written over a light beige rectangular background.

Douglas C. Sweetland  
President

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